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SUBJECT: US-ITALY ENERGY WORKING GROUP (EWG) - FUTURE WORK
MEETINGS AND JOINT STATEMENT

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ECOMIN JULY 12, FOREIGN MINISTRY
ENERGY COORDINATOR MIGLIUOLO DESCRIBED HIS RECENT CONVERSATION
IN PARIS WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOSWORTH CONCERNING
FUTURE ACTIVITIES OF EWG. MIGLIUOLO ASKED THAT HIS REMARKS
BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.

2. ACCORDING TO MIGLIUOLO, HE AND BOSWORTH DISCUSSED POSSI-
BILITY OF HOLDING EWG IN ROME ON SEPTEMBER 9, I.E. DAY BEFORE
NEXT IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. MIGLIUOLO WISHES TO PROPOSE
THAT SUCH MEETING BE HELD.

3. NOTING THAT NO FORMAL EWG MEETING HAS BEEN HELD SINCE
SEPTEMBER 1975, MIGLIUOLO BELIEVED THAT AREA MOST PROMISING
FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AT PRESENT TIME IS TECHNICAL AREA.
HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE IN URANIUM,
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING VISIT BY ITALIAN EXPERTS
TO NATURAL URANIUM RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROGRAM (NURE)
(ROME 11207). ON THE OTHER HAND, HE DOES NOT EXPECT MUCH
ACTIVITY ON FINANCING SINCE PARLIAMENT MUST STILL DEBATE
NUCLEAR ENERGY PROGRAM. AS ALWAYS, MIGLIUOLO EXUDED CONFI-
DENCE THAT DEBATE WOULD BE PRO FORMA, SINCE, HE ASSERTED,
ALL PARTIES AGREE ON SUBSTANCE OF PROGRAM.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO ECMIN'S QUESTION ABOUT GOI'S INTENTIONS
RE JOINT STATEMENT, MIGLIUOLO STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS
VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK OUT AGREED TEXT, HE
DOUBTED THAT GOI WOULD DECIDE TO PUBLISH STATEMENT. IN ANY
CASE, NO DECISION WILL BE TAKEN ON THAT SUBJECT UNTIL
FORMATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT.BEAUDRY

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